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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 973

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"AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE VOICE OF RESIDENTS AND FAMILY COUNCILS."

1 Strike lines 13 to 39, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "(b) Not later than three days after a state agency submits a legislative
4 proposal to the General Assembly or posts a notice of intent on the
5 eRegulations System proposing a new or revised regulation concerning
6 living and care conditions at long-term care facilities, such agency shall
7 inform the State Ombudsman, appointed pursuant to section 17a-405 of
8 the general statutes, and the executive director of the Commission on
9 Women, Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity, established
10 pursuant to section 2-127 of the general statutes. The State Ombudsman
11 and the executive director shall seek testimony from the Statewide
12 Coalition of Presidents of Residents Councils and from family councils

13 concerning such legislative proposal or proposed regulation. For
14 regulations other than those proposed pursuant to subsections (g) and
15 (h) of section 4-168 of the general statutes, the State Ombudsman and
16 the executive director shall immediately inform the members of the
17 coalition and family councils that the agency will be required to hold a
18 public hearing upon the request of fifteen or more persons not later than
19 fourteen days after the date such notice of intent is posted on the
20 eRegulations System. Such agency or legislative committee of
21 cognizance shall accept testimony in a manner and format that provides
22 for the greatest input from members of residents councils and family
23 councils including, but not limited to, when permissible under the rules
24 of such agency or committee and when practicable, remote testimony
25 by such members via technology with audio or audio and video
26 capabilities.

27 (c) Any state task force appointed by the General Assembly or by a
28 state agency that is studying issues concerning living or care conditions
29 at long-term care facilities shall include among members (1)
30 representatives of residents councils, (2) representatives of family
31 councils, and (3) the chairpersons and ranking members of the joint
32 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
33 matters relating to aging, or their designees. The chairpersons of such
34 task force shall schedule meetings in a manner and format that provides
35 for the greatest input from members of residents councils and family
36 councils, including, but not limited to, when practicable, remote
37 testimony by such members via technology with audio or video
38 capabilities."